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25 January 1956

Dear Kelly:

In Washington on 24 January you left with me an outline in writing of a proposed modification program which Os and I discussed with you. I am writing to summarize my understanding of the Program on which we agreed, which differs in certain details from your proposal. My understanding is as follows:

1. Four aircraft will be assigned to Detachment A. Modifications on these must be completed and they must be operational no later than 6 April 1956. These will be numbers 345, 346, 347, and 348.

2. The modifications to be accomplished will be those set forth under paragraph 5 of your Modification Program.

3. These modifications on these four aircraft will be carried out

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taking advantage of weather interruptions and other available time.

4. Aircraft number 344 is presently assigned to flight test and will remain so until the delivery of number 349. At that time (the end of April) number 349 will be assigned to flight testing and number 344 made available for training.

5. The modification of aircraft numbers 342, 343 and possibly 344 will have to be performed at Burbank. Since it will probably be impossible to withdraw any of these aircraft from active use until after April 15th, their modification will be postponed until the delivery of number 350.

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Modification can be undertaken sooner if, in agreement with

it should prove feasible.

We discussed briefly the rather extensive rearrangement of cockpit instruments and equipment proposed by [] in his report to the Commander, SAC. Pending further discussion with [] most of these modifications do not appear to us to be necessary. Accordingly, only such modifications as can be made easily by agreement between you and [] should be undertaken until there has been an opportunity for a further conversation and final decision on this matter.

I hope the above is in accord with your understanding . It was as always a great pleasure to see you again.

My best regards.

Yours,

Dick

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